

The Hongkong Telegraph.

ESTABLISHED 1881.

NEW SERIES No. 998.

日八月七月四十二精光

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1898.

大英西

號三月九英港香

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD. LONDON.
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE
YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISH 1880

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 9,000,000
RESERVE FUND 6,664,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
KOBE NEW YORK
LONDON LYONS
SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU
BOMBAY SHANGHAI

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARIS BANK, LTD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED,
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
per Annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

S. CHOH,
Agent,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [383]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Paid up Capital £ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
A. C. Hiles, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
I. T. Lauts, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chair Kit Shan, Esq. Chief Manager,
G. W. F. Playfair,

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per
Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [3]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$ 9,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

Court of Directors:
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.
R. M. GRAV, Deputy Chairman.
C. Beurmann, Esq.

David Gabbay, Esq. R. L. Richardson, Esq.
A. Hamet, Esq. R. Stewart, Esq.
A. McConachie, Esq. N. A. Sleby, Esq.
A. I. Raymond, Esq. Chief Manager,
T. JACKSON, Esq.

Manager:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [6]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposit is allowed at 3 per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per Annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [10]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £100,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £80,000
RESERVE FUND £45,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" 6 " 3½ "
" 3 " 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong,
Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
above Company will be held at the
COMPANY'S HOTEL, on THURSDAY, the 15th
day of September, 1898, at 12 o'clock NOON,
when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTION will
be proposed.

That a BONUS of TWO THOUSAND
DOLLARS be hereby voted to
each of the three existing Directors, or
the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS
in all, out of the profits of the Company
during the past half year, as some re-
compence by the Shareholders of the
successful exertions of the Directors in
placing the concern once more on a
dividend paying basis.

Should the RESOLUTION be duly passed it
will be submitted for confirmation as a
SPECIAL RESOLUTION to a SECOND
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 24th day of August, 1898.

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(20)

FOR STEAMER CAPTAIN TO SAIL REMARK
LONDON *Scotra* T. H. Hide, R.N.R. About 17th September. Freight only.

(Passing through the Island Sea). (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1898. [5]

T. B. HALL & CO.

TRADE MARK.
THE BOAR'S HEAD BRAND
ALE & STOUT.

BASS' ALE Per Cask of 8 Doz. Plates \$22
GUINNESS'S STOUT da \$22
SOLE AGENTS:—

H. PRICE & CO.,
12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE CLUB HOTEL,
LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1898. [16]

CURRY
AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

FRENCH VERMOUTH.

"VERMOUTH CRISTAL."

As Supplied to the General Transatlantic Company.

From Messrs. P. TAILLANT & CO., CETTE.

Telephone 75. "This Vermouth—has a beautiful amber colour, and is perfectly clear, which renders it specially pleasing to the eye, while the wine itself charms the palate." *Moulin Vinsoble*, 23rd October, 1894.

Per case 1 Dozen Bottles \$11
" 2 Dozen Half Bottles 12

SOLE AGENTS:—

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,

Wine and Spirit Merchants.

15, Queen's Road. Hongkong, 22nd August, 1898. [15]

W. POWELL & CO.
NEW PREMISES.

FIRST FLOOR.

OLD HONGKONG CLUB.

TEMPORARY ENTRANCE

UP THE OLD STAIRCASE.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1898. [17]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL
AGENCY. LIMITED.

(21)

SOLE AGE IS IN HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

27]

PEAK HOTEL.

1850 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION, Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and numerous Islands. Cool southerly breeze in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

J. MARCESSE, Chef de Cuisine.

CRAIGIEBURN is now open, for terms apply to

CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street. [28]

MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL.

LEITH.

CELEBRATED SCOTCH WHISKIES.

"GLENFIFTH" BRAND \$10

"SECOND TO NONE" 12

"MOUNTAIN DEW" 12

LIQUEUR WHISKY 15

All the above brands we guarantee to be pure Malt Whiskies. The differences in price are regulated by the age of the Whisky. The "Second to None", "Mountain Dew" and Liqueur Whisky are all over ten years old.

Sole agents for Hongkong and Southern Ports of China.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1898. [66]

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE

MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TAN SAN.

FLETCHER & CO.
and CARMICHAEL & CO.

EGYPTIAN LOOFAHS

CORDIALS

BATHING CAPS

SYRUPS

PERFUMES

SPONGE BAGS

FILTTERS

BATH SPONGES

CHAMPAGNE.

G. H. MUNN & CO. \$35.50 \$37.50

WHISKY.

DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE" 10.50

MCCREDIE'S "SPECIALY SELECTED" 10.50

PORT WINE.

GUEDES "3 GRAPE" BRAND \$24.00

SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO., Agents.

Praha Central.

33]

KUHN & KOMOR, JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,

21 & 22, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,

35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA

and 36, DIVISION STREET, KORE.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1898. [24]

THE LEADING CATERERS.

COMPARE OUR

MENU, BILLIARD TABLES and LIQUORS to all others.

THE GRILL ROOM.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1898. [25]

D. SUI-SANG, Dentist.

(Lately Practising with Dr. L. SAKATA,

DENTIST,

No. 8, Queen's Road Central.

W. S. BAILEY,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the 21st instant, 1898, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. daily, as follows:—

From Stone Cutters' Island in North-Westly and South-Westly directions.

All small junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

The inhabitants of the houses at Stone Cutters' Island are warned to keep their glass windows open during the PRACTICE.

By Command, T. S. RESCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1061]

TO THE L.E.T.

BELVEDERE—Roomed Bungalow.
Plantation Road—to be let, furnished for 6 months from 17th September.

SEMI-DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCES on Bowen Road [now in course of erection].

No. 12, SEYMON TERRACE.

No. 5, RIPPON TERRACE.

No. 3, ELGIN STREET.

FLOORS IN STAUNTON and ELGIN STREETS.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD. Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1062]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship "HUNAN," Captain Frazier, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 4th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1064]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 6th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1065]

THE CHINA LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT). (Calling at ILOILO if sufficient demand offers.)

THE Steamship "DAGMAR," will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 6th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BARRETTO & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1066]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIEN-TSIN.

THE Company's Steamship "NANCHANG," Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1067]

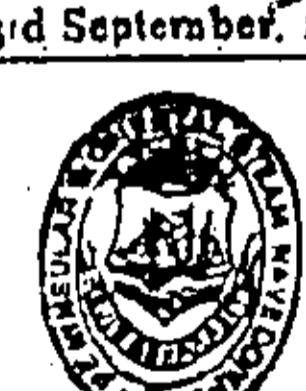
CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KORE.

THE Company's Steamship "TSINAN," Captain Ramsay, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1068]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. (Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship "SUTLEJ," Captain A. Symons, carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, Etc., on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London, (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, Etc., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcel will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898. [1069]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAFARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

(From Japanese Papers.)

ANOTHER RUSSIAN VICTORY.

PEKING, August 17th. The Russian Government having made a demand that the British capital be employed to construct a railway from Shan-hai-kwan to Nanchang, the railway shall not form a security for the loan, nor shall the line be placed under the supervision of a foreigner, or foreigners of whatever nationality, China has consented to these demands.

Great Britain will not advance money on the railway under such conditions.

THE BRITISH SQUADRON.

LONDON, August 21st. The British squadron left Yokohama on the 17th inst. for Wei-hai-wei, but when it reached the Housaka light-ship it was overtaken by a vessel bearing a telegram from the British Government. It is reported that the telegram ordered the squadron to proceed to the Philippines.

If the news in the preceding messages be well founded, it would seem that the British squadron would hardly be ordered away to the Philippines at this stage.—ED. K. C.

A COMMERCIAL MISSION FOR CHINA AND KOREA.

TOKYO, August 20th. The Agricultural and Commercial Department has decided to send a Commission to investigate and report on the present state of the industries in China and Korea, with a view to developing trade with Japan.

A LATE ADHESION.

TOKYO, August 20th. Honduras and Nicaragua have announced their participation in the Red Cross Convention, and have communicated the fact to the Japanese authorities.

FOREIGNERS AND RAILWAY SHARES.

TOKYO, August 20th. A conference of Councilors recently held decided that railway companies' debentures may be sold to foreigners, and the decision was submitted to the Cabinet.

REPORTED RESIGNATION OF MR. YAMADA.

TOKYO, August 20th. Baron Kusumoto, a leader of the Constitutionalists, has had another visit to Mr. Yamada, the Vice-Minister for Justice, and given him advice on the question of resignation. Mr. Yamada would not admit that he had acted illegally or unjustly, but he said that for the sake of only he would send in his resignation, and he at once took this step.

August 21st.

Mr. Yamada has remarked to a friend that the real object of sending in his resignation is to discover the confidence reposed in him by the Government.

DIVIDEND OF NIPPON GINKO.

AUGUST 20th. The general half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Bank of Japan was held to-day, and a dividend declared for the last half-year at the rate of a little over 10 per cent. per annum.

MILLS IN BOMBAY-SUSPENDED WORK.

AUGUST 20th. A telegram has been received by a foreign firm at Yokohama, stating that the Bombay mills have agreed to suspend business for fifteen days.

YAMAUUCHI, August 20th.

The reaping of the early rice was commenced to-day. The crop is a better one than any gathered of late years.

ANOTHER APPOINTMENT FOR MR. MCLEAVY BROWN.

SEOUL, August 18th. The Korean Government has appointed Mr. McLeavy Brown, the British Financial Adviser, to superintend railway affairs.

MARQUIS ITO'S TOUR.

FUSAN, August 20th. The *Ginkat-maru*, with Marquis Ito on board, arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning, and left for Chemulpo in the afternoon.

MR. HOSHII ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

TOKIO, August 22nd. A reception was given to Mr. Hoshii, the Minister to the United States, yesterday afternoon by his political friends. There were present Count Itagaki and other Ministers of State belonging to the Liberal faction, and about 300 Constitutionalists.

In the course of a speech delivered, Mr. Hoshii, at some length upon the annexation of Hawaii, the American Customs Tariff and the American-Spanish war. He urged that the Philippine question should not be looked upon by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

With regard to the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in the *Hongkong Telegraph* by 12 M. O'clock so as to record the early publication of the paper.

Advertisers and Subscribers which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Advertisers and Subscribers of the *Hongkong Telegraph* are entitled to a free insertion of any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore the best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be learnt on application.

The *Hongkong Telegraph*'s number at the Telephone Central, is No. 7, Telephone Exchange, Hongkong.

BIRTHS.

On the 10th ult., at 44, Yamamoto-dori, a-chen, Kobe, the wife of H. D. James, of a daughter.

On the 10th of August, at 3:15 a.m., the wife of J. H. S. Noodt, I. M. Customs, Amoy, of a son.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report to-day says:—On the 3rd at 11:30 a.m.: Barometric changes are slight. The depression is probably moving N. E. over E. Japan. Pressure is high over the S. coast of China and the N. part of China Sea, with slight gradients on the coast generally.

Forecast:—Light or moderate S. W. winds; fair to showery.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

FOR STEALING nine rice bowls a coolie to-day was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

A FIREMAN named Fung Wa Sung was to-day fined \$300, in default three months, for unlawfully having in his possession ten taels of opium.

A NUMBER of boatmen, for illegally anchoring and dredging within the naval lines were to-day fined \$3 or, in default, fourteen days' imprisonment.

THREE months' hard labour was the penalty awarded a Chinaman to-day for stealing silk and other goods, valued at \$34, the property of Hissamool Assoon.

DYSENTRIA being prevalent in several countries in Hiroshima Prefecture, the officials have received instructions to see what can be done to check the spread of the disease.

ACCORDING to the *Mercury* the *Kaiser*, German flagship on this station, intends proceeding to Batavia to take part in the celebrations of the coming visit of her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

NUMEROUS cases of malarial fever have occurred on board the *Yamato Kan*, which has been stationed in Formosan waters for some time, and she has now returned to Kure in order that the ship may be thoroughly disinfected.

THE HON. TREASURER of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Shing On \$20

THE *Yushin Nippon* states that some of the workmen employed in the construction of the fort on Hakodate-yama, in the Hokkaido secretly made a sketch of the work at the request of a foreigner and received a large sum of money in payment.

AN EXCHANGE mentions that a school for the study of the technicalities of the railway business, will be opened shortly in the compound of the Railway Bureau at Shinshu, Tokio. The proposed course will occupy six months and it will herself be compulsory in the case of applicants for employment in the Department.

IT is expected that the income from the Japanese Customs will fall off considerably during the first three months of next year, in consequence of the enforcement of the new tariff. Some of the Customs officials estimate that the amount will be about 1,200,000 yen, but the Department of Finance thinks the drop will not exceed 50,000 yen.

THE death is reported on the 9th ult., at Souchow of the Provincial Treasurer-designate of Fukien H. E. Wu Ch'eng-ku, who had been for the last two years the Provincial Judge of that province. The deceased official is said to have died of cholera. He was a very intelligent official and a strong partisan of the Reform Association.

IN CONNECTION with the Shensi riot, the Emperor orders the headman of the Hunan community there, and the director of the China Merchant Steam Navigation Co. to be deprived of their official rank, and orders them to return to their native places. The officer of the patrol is cashiered; the Brigade General and the Magistrate are degraded. All damages to the British and Japanese Consulates are to be made good by the Hunanese community, and the punishments which have been meted out to the rioters are approved of.—*Mercury*.

THE death is reported on the 9th ult., in the neighbourhood of the Eastern Custom to a carious wind sugar, rolling down to the water's edge at a terrific rate. The driver was unable to stop the mad career, and dashed down a narrow turning leading to the sea it rushed into the water and was drowned. The carcass was brought ashore later in the day, and the cart recovered through the efforts of a number of coolies who were present. Those who are aware how horses are treated in Kobe will be surprised to learn that more do not commit suicide.

IT is reported from Peking that the Board of Revenue has succeeded to a certain extent with the National loan known under the name of Faith Bonds, no less than Tls. 3,000,000 having been recently paid into the Treasury, the applications for same amounting to Tls. 16,000,000? It will no doubt be remembered that this loan was first modelled with the object of paying off the Japanese war indemnity, but that object having now been met with the Anglo-German loan, the money collected on these "Faith Bonds" will have no direct use. It is however, proposed by the Government to use Tls. 3,000,000 of this loan in the construction of the Shantung Newchwang railway.—*China Gazette*.

THE *China Gazette* of 29th ult. says:—The Chinese have many exciting rumours of war and ultimatum to-day. One version is that the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has wired wild to his government advising it to take sides with Russia without delay, as war between that country and Great Britain is certain, Lord Salisbury having sent an ultimatum to Russia which the latter is certain to make a *casus belli*. But while all these dreadful things are in progress, the most exasperating silence on the subject, the Bank Rate is unchanged at home and there is any amount of Cardiff coal here going abegging for buyers. Both of which things would not be, if war were to near as the Chinese *gulf nunc* believe.

AN IMPERIAL EDICT of the 24th ult. severely rebukes the high provincial authorities of the Empire for their lukewarmness in the matter of the inauguration of reforms by the Emperor, and demands to know the reason why there is so much delay in making reports on the facilities for education in each city of the Empire; and why it is that hardly one Viceroy or Governor has, so far, sent up any suggestions on the above subject, who is required to do so by his Majesty. The Emperor declares in words almost approaching despair that if the men in whom he has placed such great confidence as to appoint them his representatives in the provinces do not show their gratitude for such bounty by promptly seconding his Majesty's efforts to benefit the country, where else is he to look for supporters? But the Emperor winds up his decree by promising the severest punishment to any one who shall hereafter prove lukewarm or show any delay in making any reforms required by the Throne. Apparently his Majesty has the greatest grievance against Liu Kun-yi, Viceroy at Nanking, and Tan Chung-ku, Viceroy at Canton, for these are the

SENSATIONAL MURDER AT SAIGON.

EUROPEAN HACKED TO DEATH.

A sensational murder case came before the Assize Court at Saigon, the other day. Three Annamites—natives of the country—were indicted for the murder of a French Customs officer named Bourgoin. The latter was a hard-working official, highly respected by his countrymen. In May last, he had charged a houseboy in his service. The boy determined to revenge himself, on the ground that Bourgoin had kept back his certificates of character and had cut his pay. The boy found a sympathetic in Bourgoin's cook, who finally agreed to help the boy in taking revenge. Another accomplice was secured by a promise of twenty dollars as a bribe. Early in June, three of them themselves in the cut-throat attached to Bourgoin's residence. As soon as Bourg [sic] had called himself on a long chair in the dining-room, the trio fell upon him and killed him with repeated blows from hatches. The murderers, after stealing what they could, carried the corpse in the long chair and threw it into a neighbouring river. Afterwards they divided the plunder. Some of the plunder they shared with three other Annamites, who thus became accomplices. The three murderers lightened the task of the prosecution by a confession. They were all condemned to death. Two of the accomplices were sentenced to five years' hard labour each. The third received ten years.—*Bangkok Times*.

FACHTING.

THE COWES WEEK.

The arrival of the Prince of Wales in Cowes Roads on Saturday evening was marked by a salute of 21 guns from the Royal Yacht Squadron battery, and the large fleet of yachts at anchor between Old Castle point and Egypt Point meanwhile had ensigns draped and banners mast-headed. Although the Prince of Wales's fortunate accident will prevent his taking the active part he usually does in the yacht racing, the presence of the commander of the Royal Yacht Squadron proves the interest he takes in the regatta, while socially it will save the season, and the fact of his Royal Highness's being on the scene is a source of unbound gratification. There will be a few unimportant changes in the usual arrangements, notably the abandonment of the Royal Yacht Squadron dinner; but in regard to the races it may be said that the sailing committee has never before put forward such a long sailing programme, as, with an extra race not yet included in the list, no fewer than nine events will be decided during the four days of the meeting, while the collective entries will probably exceed 60 yachts.

MONDAY.

The muster of yachts in Cowes Roads was considerably augmented yesterday, and there was quite a crowded anchorage at sunset. It was a day of radiant sunshine, with a refreshingly cool southerly breeze, which came strongly enough off the island to stretch ensigns and banners to full length. The racing portion of the day's racing was a success, and the fact of his Royal Highness's being on the scene is a source of unbound gratification. There will be a few unimportant changes in the usual arrangements, notably the abandonment of the Royal Yacht Squadron dinner; but in regard to the races it may be said that the sailing committee has never before put forward such a long sailing programme, as, with an extra race not yet included in the list, no fewer than nine events will be decided during the four days of the meeting, while the collective entries will probably exceed 60 yachts.

TUESDAY.

The muster of yachts in Cowes Roads was considerably augmented yesterday, and there was quite a crowded anchorage at sunset. It was a day of radiant sunshine, with a refreshingly cool southerly breeze, which came strongly enough off the island to stretch ensigns and banners to full length. The racing portion of the day's racing was a success, and the fact of his Royal Highness's being on the scene is a source of unbound gratification. There will be a few unimportant changes in the usual arrangements, notably the abandonment of the Royal Yacht Squadron dinner; but in regard to the races it may be said that the sailing committee has never before put forward such a long sailing programme, as, with an extra race not yet included in the list, no fewer than nine events will be decided during the four days of the meeting, while the collective entries will probably exceed 60 yachts.

THE COMPENSATION PAID BY HAWAII TO JAPAN.

AN ATTACK ON COUNT OKUMA'S DIPLOMACY.

WANTED TO SELL A CHEQUE BOOK.

Some two weeks ago, the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank of Yokohama was applied by a Japanese accompanied by a young woman, asking what the Bank would pay for five blank cheques he had in his possession. Of course the suspicion of the Bank people was at once aroused by this peculiar question, and the matter was reported to a policeman who took it to the Station. On enquiry the man was found to be a professional thief, who had stolen two days before a travelling case containing among other things 45 in notes, a smaller amount in coins and a cheque book of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, belonging to an English visitor to Japan named Gen. W. Noel, who kept it in his room while staying at the Matsumura Hotel Iwao. Only two cheques had been used by the owner in payment of hotel-bills, therefore soon after the discovery of its being missing, he wrote to the Bank to put them on their guard against forgery, simultaneously notifying the Yokohama police. The offender, whose name is Alfons Yashiki, 27 years of age, is said to have been the thief who also stole an amount of some yen 500 belonging to a Kobemercant, at a Japanese Hotel named Tanshukai at Houshou, Gochohe, Yokohama, and also a sum of yen 20 at a hotel at Hiraizuka some time ago. The culprit was sent to the Court a few days ago.—*Japan Herald*.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(By Australian Mail)

WELLTH OF THE POPE.

LONDON, August 17th.

It is stated that the life of the Pope is slowly ebbing away.

GOULD AT KLOVNYKE.

LONDON, August 17th.

Great discoveries of gold are reported from Lake Tagish in the region of the Klondyke goldfield.

HOOLEY'S INSOLVENCY.

LONDON, August 17th.

The examination of the witness in the insolvent case of Mr. Hooley has resulted in Earl de Warre and Messrs. Buxton, Broadley, and Bradby being charged with contempt of court. It is stated that an item it has been made to get Hooley to alter his evidence.

CHOLERA AT MALAS.

LONDON, August 17th.

During July last 177 deaths from cholera are reported to have occurred at Madras.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.

LONDON, August 17th.

The scheme of Imperial penny postage agreed upon at the recent Postal Conference in London is to come into operation on Christmas Day next.

NEW TORPEDO BOATS FOR JAPAN.

LONDON, August 18th.

The Japanese Government has ordered five new torpedo boats to be constructed in England.

THE FAIR-EAST.

RUSSIAN ACTIVITY.

PLAUSIBLE ASSURANCES.

LONDON, August 17th.

Telegrams received from Shanghai state that the Russian officials at Pekin are intriguing to obtain the control of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

A St. Petersburg journal states that the English newspapers have been misinformed as to recent events in China, and there is no alleged intention of Russia injuring the interests of Great Britain.

Li Hung Chang, whose power is again in ascendancy in China, denies the statement that Great Britain's humiliation is due to the Tsung-hi Yamen trucking to Russia.

It is reported that Lord Salisbury contemplates demanding from the Chinese Government the dismissal of Li Hung Chang.

Several comments are to be made to the London Press on the above-mentioned diplomatic ability on the part of the British Government in connection with Chinese affairs.

CLOSE OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

LONDON, August 18th.

The American Government anticipate irreconcilable difficulties in settling the terms of peace with Spain.

The Cuban insurgents have agreed to abide by the armistice declared, and will cease hostilities.

Admiral Cervera, who is on parole in the United States, has been everywhere received with great demonstrations, and on passing through Portsmouth and Boston has been accorded an ovation.

The terms of the peace protocol between the United States and Spain, allows the Spanish troops to leave Cuba and Porto Rico with their arms and equipments, and all the honors of war.

LONDON, August 19th.

It has transpired that after the entry of the American troops into Santiago the Spanish dead were found to be unburied. The bodies were piled up and cremated.

A conference has taken place between the United States officials and the Cuban leaders, and it is now understood that the insurgent forces will be disbanded, the American government paying them for their services in the field.

Five "levee-proof" United States regiments are to be left to garrison Santiago. The remainder of General Shafter's army are to re-embark by Saturday next for the homeward voyage.

General Blanco, who has recently resigned his office as Governor General of Cuba, has been ordered to remain at his post until the Spanish troops evacuate the country.

A MEDICINE FOR PHthisis.

One of those cures that are flushed before the eyes of the public from time to time, and then disappear for ever from sight, is announced by a vernacular newspaper. Tuberculosis is the disease to be conquered, and the new sovereign remedy has the interest of being compounded with ingredients so rare that the whole world's known supply would not suffice to treat more than three thousand sufferers. It is hoped, however, that researches now being conducted will lead to the discovery of suitable substitutes.

Originally a certain Mr. Tomoji Shinsuke was said to be the inventor, but he now writes to the *Hoch Shimbun* to say that he did not discover the drug, but received it from a friend, and found it so efficacious that he is making arrangements to distribute it gratis of course—among the physicians of his acquaintance. He adds that its principal ingredient is nitrogen, which explanation rather militates against the original rumour of scarcity. Mr. Tomoji was once a member of the Diet. He now deals in firearms, and owns a periodical called the *Nippon Zasshi* (periodical magazine).—*Japan Mail*.

THE FINANCES OF MANCHURIA.

The following letter to the *Times* will doubtless prove of interest to our readers:

Sir.—A short time ago I addressed you a letter in order to show how slender were the revenues of Manchuria (see *The Times* of May 23 last); I also alluded to the stupendous efforts being made by the Manchu Generalissimo and Viceroy Ikinglong in order to purify the administration. His Excellency now writes to the Emperor in a pardonable state of exaltation, and his memorial is published in the *Peking Gazette* of June 4. In two short years he has trebled the local revenues; and as he says, "this extraordinary and unexpected result shows what can be done even with those limited sources of revenue which come under an honest Viceroy's own eye."

Woleng's results are, indeed, so surprising that it is worth while reciting them, if only to show how capable of development is the southernmost of the three Manchurian provinces, in which our commercial interests chiefly lie. He says:—"I have collected 467,890 taels on salt, 500,000 taels on Eastern Customs, 179,370 taels on Niu-chung-tien, 184,800 taels on weights and measures charges (in cities), 150,500 taels on various taxes at divers ports and places, 10,850 taels on salt and tobacco (special extra), 1,600,000 taels on foreign and native opium."

It will thus be seen that the revenues collected in one year (say 3,000,000 taels, or £400,000 at present rates) are more than triple my estimate (£120,000) for revenues from all sources, and it would indeed be a gain to foreign trade if a few honest governors such as Chang Chitung, Li Ping-Heng, Liu Kuan-yi, Ch'en Pao-chu, &c., could be encouraged to imitate Woleng's example. I may mention that Prince Kung, on his death-bed specially mentioned the two first men as being men of integrity.

Woleng goes on to say:—"The above opium revenue is double what it was in 1893 before the war: the *Hsin* is 300,000 more than it was in 1896; and the Eastern Customs are 400,000 more than when I came in 1895." It would weary your readers were I to separate the Customs from the *Hsin*, the "specials" from the "ordinaries," and so on in each case; but the figures, which are the main point, are in themselves sufficient to show what future China might hope for if foreign Powers would cease troubling her and worrying her, and if she were left alone to choose her own instructors, advisers, and bankers.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

SEPTEMBER.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 29.81
Thermometer 80.1
Humidity 77
Rainfall 8.58

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 29.01 29.84
Thermometer 82 80
Humidity 82 85
Rainfall 0.61

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at On date at
8 a.m. 4 p.m.

</div

